[*Lesson 21*]

Blind Man Healed

We see beggars by the road side, market places, bus stands and Railway stations begging alms. They may be blind, lame or disabled. Passersby may give some alms and go on their way.

But Jesus never does that. He heals them, by His mercy.

One day Jesus and His disciples were coming out of **Jericho**. A large crowd followed Him. A **blind** man was sitting and **begging** by the side of the road. His name was Bartimaeus.

He asked the crowd, "what is going on?" They said "Jesus is passing by".

Bartimaeus had heard of Jesus' power to **heal the sick** and fulfill the needs of the people. He cried "Jesus son of David, take pity on me". The people scolded him saying "Keep quiet". But he cried loudly again and again "Jesus **son of David**, have mercy on me"

Jesus stopped there and said, "call him". The people said "get up, Jesus is calling you"

He jumped up, threw his cloak away and came to Jesus. Jesus asked him "what do you want me to do for you?" He said, "I want to **see again**". Jesus said to him, "Your faith has made you well". Jesus healed him. He got his sight back and followed Jesus.

When the beggar knew that it was Jesus, he did not ask alms but sight.

If we are the children of God we need not ask for alms, we can ask for our real needs, that nobody else can provide.

Exercise

1. Where did Bartimaeus live? .....

2. Who was Bartimaeus? .....

3. What had Bartimaeus heard about Jesus? .....

4. What did Bartimaeus ask Jesus for? .....

5. Who did Bartimaeus address Jesus as? .....

Reference

Mark 10:46-52

Memory Verse

"Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you."
Matthew 7:7

Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the good health you have given us. Thank you for giving us sight and the ability to walk and talk. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.